



## **FALL UPDATES FROM TRUSTEE SOO WONG**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and took some personal time to spend with your family and friends.

I want to welcome the following new administrators to our family of schools: Anna Epitropou (principal, Timberbank PS); Usha Glen (principal, North Bridlewood PS) and Kathy Keroglidis (vice-principal, Stephen Leacock CI).

### **2010 Focus on Youth**

The 2010 Focus on Youth/Boys to Men program was well received by the community. A number of L'Amoreaux and Stephen Leacock students were hired for the Focus on Youth programs at the L'Amoreaux & Leacock summer camps. Furthermore, these two camps were expanded from 5 weeks to 7 weeks with over 300 children participating throughout the 7 weeks. The camps included free lunch, arts, dance and sports. I received extremely positive feedback from both parents and children who attended these two camps. I want to thank Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos and his staff for organizing an outstanding summer programs for our students and families!

### **L'Amoreaux Community Garden**

During the summer months, I have been working with L'Amoreaux staff and St. Paul-L'Amoreaux Seniors Centre to launch the seniors' gardening program at L'Amoreaux CI this fall. Congratulations to the students and staff at L'Amoreaux CI for making this program possible for our local seniors.

### **Bethune's F1(Formula 1) Project**

In early July, I was approached by Bethune students about their F1 project. The students sought my support and assistance in their fundraising activities. Bethune students will be representing Canada in the upcoming F1 competition in Singapore. There are two planned fundraising events to support the Bethune F1 project: Sept 1<sup>st</sup> dinner at Sam Woo Seafood Restaurant and Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Luncheon at the school. I want to thank Bethune students, alumni and staff (especially Ms Kaskens and Ms Wong) for their assistance and support of this project.

### **Dogs on School Property**

During the summer, I had an opportunity to visit a number of school playgrounds in the ward. I noticed that there are dog owners who use the school property to walk their dogs, but are not picking up after their dogs. I would like to encourage all principals to put a message in their future newsletter reminding parents that dogs are not permitted in our schools except guide dogs.

### **Nursing students in TDSB schools**

During the past 5 months, I have chaired the Post-Secondary Nursing Students Orientation Working Group. Once again, we will be having 3<sup>rd</sup> year nursing students in our schools. All clinical placements of the nursing students are being administered by the Business Development Office. This past spring, Deputy Director Penny Mustin sent a letter to all universities/colleges informing them that all nursing students who are doing their clinical placement in the TDSB must attend the mandatory TDSB orientation scheduled for Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. Principals need to ensure the nursing students in their school attend this orientation.

### **Fit to Life Program**

As the Chair of the Health Committee, I've been chairing two working groups to plan for two fall health initiatives. **My Health My Choice Symposium** is scheduled for Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. This symposium will be held at the ROM and is targeting students in grades 7 – 12 focusing on healthy eating, body image and the media. The **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Parents' Workshop** at McKee PS will provide parents with an opportunity to sample a healthy, delicious dinner prepared by Bendale students; hear presentations by health experts and the Ministry on the new nutrition standards; listen to a local parent's initiative on the topic of physical activity and to observe the activities of the Oct 6<sup>th</sup> students' Symposium. For more information about both initiatives, please contact Jacqueline Goh (Central Coordinating Principal).

### **Ward 20 Student Leaders**

In early July, I had the pleasure of meeting all Ward 20 student leaders. We have some talented and dedicated student leaders in our ward. They are involved in a number of initiatives in their schools and provide a strong student voice at the Supercouncil! I plan to meet with the Ward 20 Student Leaders again in late September.

### **Update on City's Harmonized Zoning By-Law**

An email from Chair Bruce Davis announced that the TDSB has successfully intervened on the City's harmonized zoning by-law so that all school related issues will be deferred until the next term of council. We have agreed to partner with the city working through school related issues such as community hubs over the coming months. We will bring these issues back to the TDSB Board and City of Toronto following the elections.

### **KaBoom-Forester- Toronto Housing Authority**

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, KaBoom, Forester & Toronto Housing Authority along with TDSB students and staff assisted in the building of a new playground at 2739 & 2743 Victoria Park Ave. I was very pleased and proud too see many TDSB student volunteers getting up early on a Sunday morning to be a part of this community event.



### **Launch – Dairy Farmers of Canada Education Program**

I received an email outlining a very exciting program that will be introduced to the students in the TDSB. Please see this following website:

<http://www.dairyfarmers.ca/what-we-do/programs>

### **St. Paul's Assisted Reading Club**

Please click on the icons to read up on this exciting after hours reading club;

[SPARC-Poster.pdf](#)

### **Resources:**

**Anaphylactic article** – <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2010/08/19/f-vp-smith.html>

**Overflow program** – a new year round alternative school was open this July. See attached flyer for more information.

**YMCA Youth Exchange program** – Please see the following links for more information:

This exchange presents a great opportunity for the students to experience how they and their group fit within Canadian context. They learn from each other, grow to respect different cultures, and develop communication and leadership skills. A general program description is listed below.

[www.ymcaexchanges.org](http://www.ymcaexchanges.org)

**Program Description**

<https://applyyec.org>

**Online application**

**Toronto Neighbourhood Youth Profiles** – please see this link:

[http://www.toronto.ca/demographics/profiles\\_map\\_and\\_index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/demographics/profiles_map_and_index.htm)

**Upcoming Events:**

**October 3** – Toronto Police Games – beginning at 2:00 pm at the Rogers Centre. See the attached flyer for more information

**October 2** – Reading Circle Program begins at Bridlewood Library – See the attached flyer for more information

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Terraview Heights Learning Centre “Open House” – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lynngate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ward 20 Transitional Workshop; Sir John A. MacDonald CI; 7 – 9pm. See the attached flyer for additional information

*Annual Police Games*  
*Rogers Centre*  
*Sunday, October 3rd 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

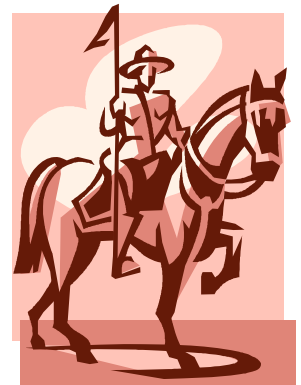
This event is sponsored by the Toronto Police Amateur  
Athletics Association

Free Tickets (valued at \$ 15.00 per ticket)

- At 12:00 noon, a light bagged lunch will be provided for students at Leacock prior to their departure for the Rogers Centre
- Free transportation will be provided – buses available at Stephen Leacock C.I. (2450 Birchmount Road). Buses will depart from Leacock at 12:30 p.m. sharp
- Students under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or an older family member

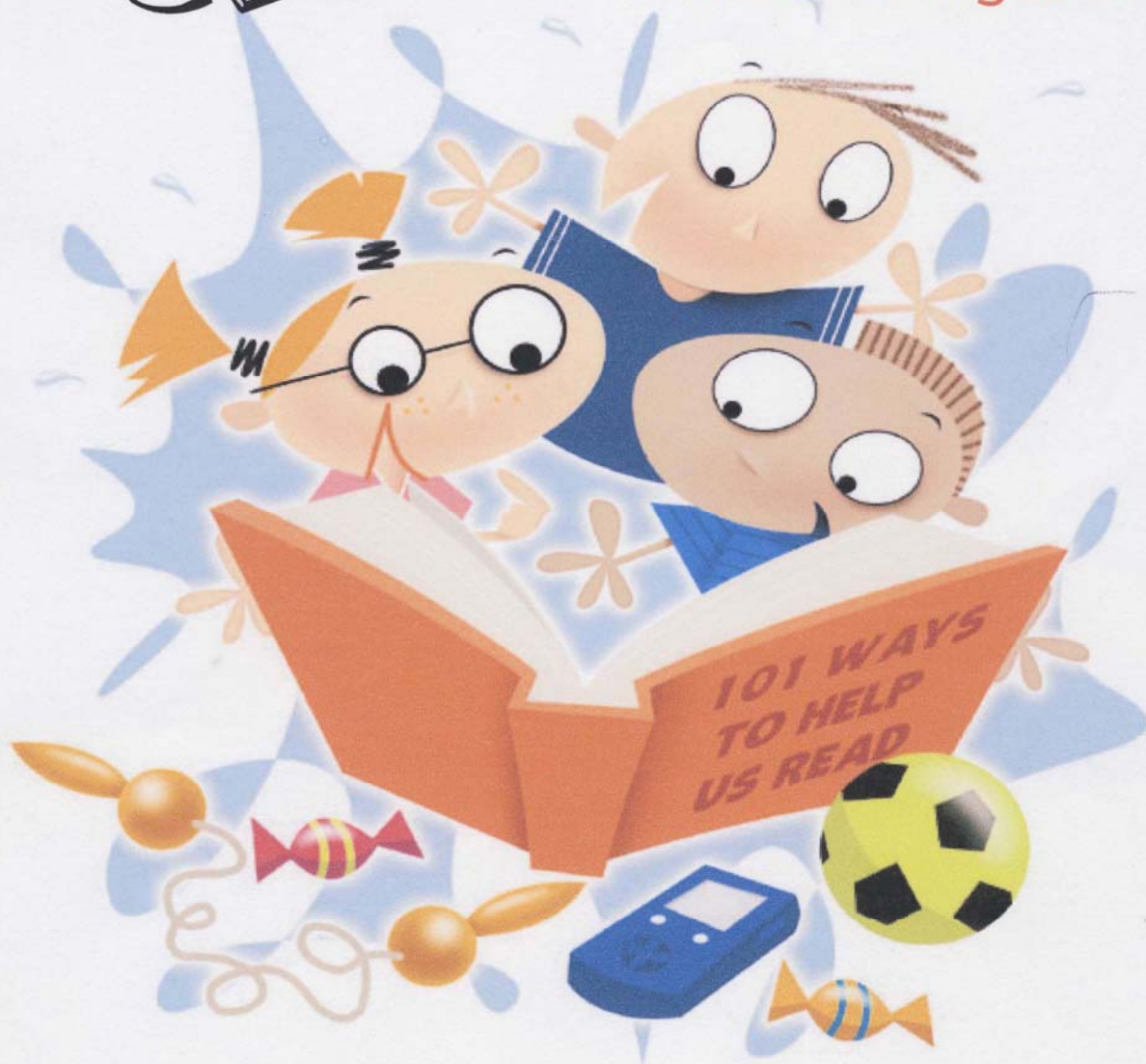
~~We look forward to our students  
and their families participating  
in this exciting event!!~~

For additional information call Kim Beauchesne at 416-397-3063



# READING CIRCLES!!

Children Ages 3-10



Every Saturday from 2:00 – 3:00

Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bridlewood Mall Public Library

For more information, please contact: 416-397-3063



# Surviving and Thriving in High School

Thursday, October 14th ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

At Sir John A. Macdonald C.I.

(2300 Pharmacy Avenue)

The goal of this meeting is to support parents and students through the transition into high school. The presentations will address topics such as:

- How to Select an Appropriate High School
- Anti-bullying and Cyberbullying
- Understanding the program choices available
- Workshop on preparing Healthy Foods for your child

Workshops will be offered to parents and students. Students will be invited to attend a workshop on computer animation.

- Childcare will be available and a light supper will be served.
- *Please return the bottom portion of this form to the current school office by Friday, October 1, 2010.*

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